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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM KONTOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR CODEL VISITS TO EGYPT AND SFM

REF: CAIRO 12301

1. YOUR COMMENTS ON DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY UNREALISTIC SCHEDULING REQUESTS BY CODELS ARE WELL TAKEN AND USEFUL. WE, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZE THE GEOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS OF TRYING TO VISIT BOTH SFM AND OTHER SITES IN THE SAME DAY AND HAVE ENDEAVORED TO DISSUADE PROSPECTIVE VISITORS FROM SCHEDULING TOO MUCH. CODEL HAMILTON TOOK COGNIZANCE OF OUR RECOMMENDATION TO OUR DISAPPOINTMENT BY ELIMINATING THE VISIT TO SFM FROM ITS SCHEDULE. OFTEN, HOWEVER, CODEL ENTHUSIASM TO SEE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN A BRIEF PERIOD IS HARD TO
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QUELL IN ADVANCE.

2. IN THIS CASE, CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI EXPRESSED A VERY STRONG DESIRE TO VISIT SFM. IN THE INTEREST OF SAVING TRAVEL TIME AND THEREBY ENABLING HIM TO VISIT PROJECTS IN THE CANAL ZONE, HE ASKED US TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSIT VIA EGYPTIAN HELICOPTER. WE DID NOT FEEL WE

COULD SAY NO TO THIS REQUEST WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE

EMBASSY. IN THE FUTURE, HOWEVER, WE SHALL MORE STRONGLY EMPHASIZE BLEAK PROSPECTS OF GETTING A HELICOPTER. SIMILARLY, WITH RESPECT TO A POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE OIL DRILLING SITE IN GULF OF SUEZ, WE TOLD CODEL WE DIDN'T BELIEVE TIME WOULD PERMIT SUCH AN EXCURSION. THEY WERE INSISTENT, HOWEVER, THAT WE AT LEAST REGISTER THEIR INTEREST IN THIS QUOTE INDIANA-BASED UNQUOTE PROJECT WITH THE EMBASSY IN THE EVENT SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT.

3. DRAWING ON THE POINTS IN YOUR CABLE, IN THE EVENT FUTURE CODELS EXPRESS INTEREST IN COUPLING A VISIT TO SFM WITH OTHER EXCURSIONS, WE WILL STRIVE TO DO BETTER IN PERSUADING THEM TO SCALE DOWN THEIR AMBITIONS AND DEVOTE A FULL DAY TO THE SINAI EXCURSION. VANCE

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